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I-405 WATERFORD STREET ON-RAMP TO CLOSE PERMANENTLY

LOS ANGELES – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will permanently close the Waterford Street on-ramp to the southbound San Diego Freeway (I-405) on October 7, 2005.

The ramp is being closed in connection with a \$50 million project to extend the High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV, or carpool) lane on the southbound San Diego Freeway (I-405) from Sunset Boulevard to the Santa Monica Freeway (I-10).

The closure will improve freeway traffic flow and enhance safety by reducing the need to traverse several lanes in a short distance. Motorists will be diverted to the nearby Sunset Boulevard on-ramp, which is being improved to provide additional capacity.

The project is one of several improvement projects underway on I-405 in Los Angeles County. When completed in 2007, it will close an existing gap and help to provide a continuous HOV lane on southbound I-405 from the San Fernando Valley to Los Angeles International Airport.

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